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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/735,451	Applicant(s) FUERST ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11 and 13-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11 and 13-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-9, 11 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is noted in claim 1, step a, line 1, the term “alternating” has been deleted. However, claims 8 and 9, which further define the step, include the term “alternating” and the term should properly be put back into claim 1, step a to avoid confusion. In independent claims 1, 13 and 14, in step i, it should be clearly set forth that the electrospun mat of polymer fibers formed is in fact the contact lens. Also, in claims 15 and 16, it is unclear exactly what is being agitated (ie, whipped) in the “charge induced whipping” and this needs to be clarified.

Concerning more formal matters, the following lack antecedent basis: claim 1, step h, line 3, “the desired pattern”; claim 13, step f, “the Taylor cone”; claim 13, step h, lines 3-4, “the desired pattern”; claim 14, step e, “the needle tip”; claim 14, step f, line 2, “the electrospinning cone”; claim 14, step h, line 3, “the desired pattern”; claim 16, line 3, “the Taylor cone”. Also, periods are missing at the end of claims 2-4 and these need to be inserted. In claims 6, 7 and 11, line 1, the period should be deleted after the step letter designated; the same for claims 15 and 16, line 4. In claim 5, it is not clear why the terms “Micro Electro Mechanical Structure” are capitalized and these should preferably be in lower case. Finally, in claims 8 and 9, line 2, the quotes surrounding the step letter should be deleted.

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's comments concerning the art rejection are persuasive, particularly since the applied art does not teach the instant motion of the target with respect to the needle as set forth in step h of the independent claims. However, there remain a number of 112 issues with respect to the claims that need to be addressed.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mathieu D. Vargot whose telephone number is 571 272-1211. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson, can be reached on 571 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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